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have been officially reported, and 120 cases are reported as being in the lazaretto of the city.

On further inquiry I have found that the city is literally honey-combed with the disease; that there are between 2,500 and 2,800 cases of smallpox at this capital; that there are about 220 cases in the lazaretto (designed to accommodate only 80 patients); that new cases presenting themselves at the lazaretto are being sent away and returned to their houses for lack of room, and that the actual death rate is about 30 per cent. Every passenger arriving by steamship at any of the ports of Guatemala is required to undergo immediate vaccination, but no passenger leaving Guatemalan ports, either for the United States or for any other country, is required to subject himself to vaccination.

The heaviest, and I may say almost the only, passenger traffic between the United States and Guatemala is between New Orleans and Puerto Barrios.

The situation has become so serious that the President of the Republic has found it expedient to issue a decree for the public safety against the further spread of the disease, in which he makes it obligatory upon every person residing in this Republic, without distinction of class, age, sex, or condition, to be vaccinated, under penalty of the payment of a fine for an infringement of the prescriptions of the decree in question.

HAWAII.

Reports from Honolulu—Examination of rats for plague infection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie, plague laboratory, reports, December 26, through Temporary Chief Quarantine Officer Moore:

Week ended December 26.

Rats taken in Honolulu.....	522
Trapped.....	522
Found dead.....	0
Shot from trees.....	0
Examined bacteriologically.....	438
Showing plague infection.....	0

Classification of rats trapped.

Mus rattus.....	89
Mus norvegicus.....	32
Mus alexandrinus.....	58
Mus musculus.....	343
Total classified.....	522
Average number of traps set daily.....	1,462
Rats received from Hilo.....	13
Hilo rats still being investigated.....	13

Plague rats at Hilo.

Doctor Currie further reports, January 2:

A sanitary inspector of the territorial board of health reported from Hilo, December 19, 1908, that a number of rats had been found dead in a stable in that city and that smears made from them suggested plague infection. Some cultures from them were sent here.

Other dead rats have been found since in the same locality and additional cultures have been sent here. In all 40 dead rats have been obtained from the stable in question, and I am able to confirm the diagnosis of plague in the case of 3 rats.

Temporary Chief Quarantine Officer Moore further reports:

At the request of the president of the territorial board of health Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie will proceed to Hilo by the earliest steamer as an advisory expert. This office is cooperating with the board of health in vigorously enforcing the requisite sanitary measures.

INDIA.

Report from Calcutta—Transactions of service—Cholera, plague, and smallpox—Plague in India and Bengal.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, December 17:

During the week ended December 12, a bill of health was issued to the steamship *Stolzenfels*, bound for Boston and New York, with a total crew of 71. The usual precautions were taken, the holds fumigated, rat guards placed on the wharf lines, and the Asiatics' effects disinfected.

During the week ended December 5, there were 9 deaths from cholera, 6 from plague, and 14 from smallpox in Calcutta. In Bengal there were 102 cases of plague with 79 deaths. In India during the same period there were 2,196 cases of plague with 1,626 deaths.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Emigrants recommended for rejection—Smallpox in Naples—Status of smallpox in Italy.

Assistant Surgeon Wollenberg reports, December 28:

Vessels inspected at Naples week ended December 26.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Dec. 22	Caronia.....	New York.....			
23	Germania.....	do.....	186	50	320

Rejections recommended.

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
Dec. 22	Caronia.....						
23	Germania.....	9		5		5	19

Smallpox in Naples.—During the week ended December 27, there were 24 cases of smallpox and 10 deaths reported at the health office of the city of Naples. From the date of the introduction of the disease from Marseille, June 13, to the present date, the total number of cases has been 266, with 42 deaths.